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SUBJ:--: TRANSGABON RAILROAD -- ROLLING STOCK AND

--- LOCOMOTIVES

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1. VICE PRESIDENT PULLMAN COMPANY HAS ASKED COMMERCE/MEPD ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR SELLING ROLLING STOCK TO TRANSGABON RAILROAD. HIS INFORMATION, RECEIVED FROM A U.S. FIRM, INDICATES THAT OCTRA MAY BE PROCURING 175 CARS IN VERY NEAR FUTURE, WITH AN ULTIMATE NEED FOR SEVERAL TIMES THAT MANY.

2. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF EMBASSY WILL ASCERTAIN SPECIFICS OF GABONESE ROLLING STOCK REQUIREMENTS FOR WHICH CONTRACTS HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN SIGNED. PARTICULARLY NEEDED IS INFORMATION REGARDING NUMBER AND TYPES OF CARS. ALSO, ARE UIC SPECIFICATIONS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT, OR ARE AAR SPECS PERMISSABLE TO THE EXTENT THEY PROVIDE

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EQUIVALENT OR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE? DO SPECIFICATIONS

ARTICULATED IN LOT 7 OF THE 1973 TENDERING DOCUMENTS
FOR FIRST SECTION TRANSGABON APPLY TO ALL ROLLING STOCK
TO BE PROCURED FOR ENTIRE RAILROAD?

3. RE LOCOMOTIVES, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF
EMBASSY CAN SMOKE OUT DETAILS RE TIMING AND

QUANTITY OF NEXT TENDERING, WHICH RAWIRI INDICATED
WOULD PROBABLY BE FORTHCOMING AROUND END OF 1976.
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